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EDITORIALS*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

In these troublous times, when physicians are more than ever seemingly called upon to be "charity physicians," the presentation of the Greetings of the Season may seem almost an empty gesture. Nevertheless, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE does extend its good wishes for A Happy and Prosperous New Year to each of its readers.

These are days when an unusual number of worries are coming to many physicians. The days, however, will pass the more rapidly and advantageously if well filled, not only with regular tasks and responsibilities, but with accessory professional activities. For those who, for the nonce, have greater leisure than in the rush days of several years ago, an interest in the work of organized medicine is recommended. There are few activities that can add so much satisfaction to the joy of living, as can be made to accrue through a happy interest in the individual and group activities of one's professional life work. In California many serious problems confront the medical profession. The greater the number of members of the California Medical Association who give attention and thought to the solution of those problems, the greater will be the assurance of progress for ourselves and our successors in the days to come. Your coöperation is invited.

* Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Medicine Today column, which follows.

And once again—A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR from CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURES—PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

Tax-Moneys, Even in Public Health Work, Should Be Conserved.—The protection of the public health necessitates the expenditure of large amounts of public funds. Because public funds should be held inviolate and conserved as much as possible, it follows that in even so worthy a cause as that of the public health, the moneys spent should be so used that wastage—whether from abortive efforts or overlapping methods—be held to a minimum.

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Some Interesting Financial Reports on Public Health Work.—On the desk of the editor are several recent reports of public health organizations. It is unfortunate that all licensed practitioners cannot have copies of these reports, because they present a wide range of information, interesting and important to both the medical profession and the lay public.

From several of these annual summaries the financial figures given below have been taken.

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The Rockefeller Foundation.—The Rockefeller Foundation of New York states that during the fiscal year 1930, a total of \$2,233,311.89 was expended on public health and allied work. That foundation, since its organization in the year 1913, has expended a total of \$42,435,856.94 on such work. Fortunately for the world, the Rockefeller Foundation, in its capital or reserve funds, still has at its disposal a grand total of \$214,993,367.42 to carry on work in the future.

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The Pasadena Health Department.—The city of Pasadena has a population of 76,210. The chief of its health department is J. D. Dunshee, M. D. In a volume of some eighty-five pages, Dr. Dunshee has given an excellent presentation of the work of his department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931. It is stated therein that the total budget appropriation of the Pasadena Health Department for the last fiscal year was \$61,292.45 (a per capita expense of \$0.80).

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The Los Angeles County General Hospital.—The report of the Los Angeles County General Hospital for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, as submitted by its then superintendent, N. N. Wood, M. D., showed the total expenditures for the year to be \$5,395,251.46. Of that amount the sum of \$1,167,284.05 was for capital outlays, leaving for in-patient or bed service the sum of \$3,734,663.73 and for out-patient or ambulatory patients who went to the hospital, the sum of